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Swearing-in ceremony held for Coffee County Commissioners

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Commissioners accepted the oath of office for a new term Wednesday morning, Nov. 11, just prior to conducting their first meeting of the term.

County administrator Rod Morgan said the new term officially began Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 12:01 a.m. All seven incumbents returned to their respective seats on the Coffee County Commission.

After the swearing-in ceremony, conducted by Coffee County Probate Judge Jodee Thompson, the commissioners voted to re-appoint Dean Smith as the chairman for another year. At this point, Smith took over the meeting proceedings.

Commissioners voted to continue holding their meetings on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

County administrator Rod Morgan had several items for commissioners to consider during last Wednesday's meeting.

Morgan said the Ben E. Keith project had been awarded an \$820,000 ADECA grant for fire suppression and sewer upgrades for that project. He said local matching funds for this grant would be \$164,050.

Morgan said the New

Brockton would be participating in this project as well and would join the county in providing some of the local matching funds.

Commissioners voted to approve working with New Brockton to jointly provide the matching funds equaling \$164,050 on this ADECA grant.

Next, Morgan said the Coffee County Sheriff's Office had received a grant from ADECA in the amount of \$24,000 to go towards the purchase of a TruNarc narcotics scanner for that office. He said the total cost of the scanning system would be \$31,300.

Commissioners voted to supply \$7,300 for the purchase of the scanner on top of the \$24,000 grant monies.

Also, while discussing the sheriff's office, Morgan got approval from commissioners to deem several items from the sheriff's office as surplus items and sell those things through the appropriate channels.

Upon request of county engineer Marty Lentz, commissioners approved a bid for aluminized corrugated pipe to Gulf Atlantic Culvert Company. The total amount of this bid was \$22,213.72. Only one other bid was submitted; however, it did not meet all specifications.

Coffee County EMA director James Brown con-

tinued to encourage residents to "do the things we need to do to stay safe" amid the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. He said the daily numbers for new cases dance around, and while the two-week average for new cases in Coffee County [as of Wednesday, Nov. 11] was 16 per day, he noted that there had been 38 new cases identified on Tuesday, Nov. 10th alone.

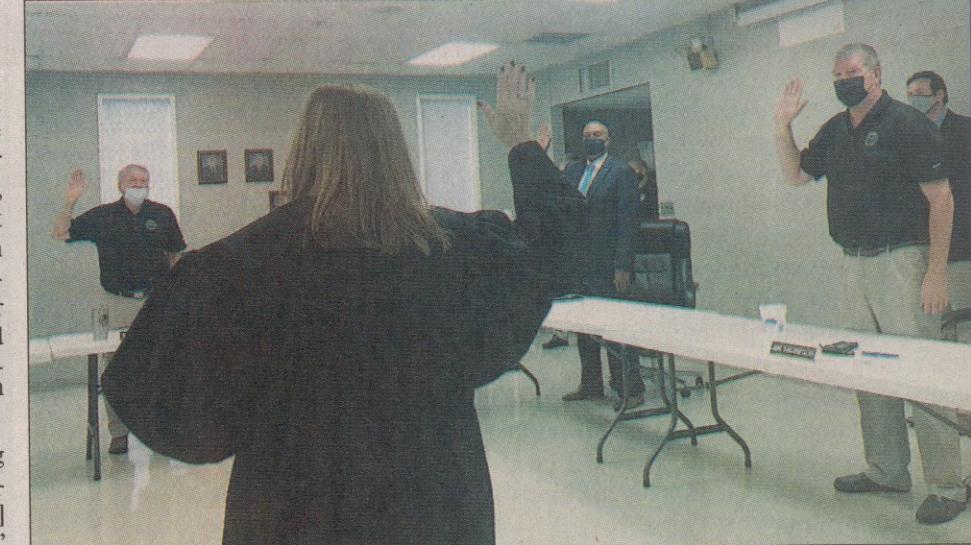
"We have been hearing

from ADPH [Alabama Department of Public Health] about a vaccine plan," Brown said. "They have been asking us about places to set up for vaccinations, and we have been working on that for them [for when the time comes]."

When a vaccine is available, Brown said there would need to be a push to get people to go and get it. He said only about 44 percent of Alabamians get even the flu shot, which has been around for many years.

"We are really going to have to push this to get people out there to feel like this is a good vaccine and go get it," Brown said. "The more people that do get the vaccine, the sooner we can get way from [COVID-19]."

The next Coffee County Commission meeting will be Monday, Nov. 23, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.



Coffee County Commissioners Tom Grimsley, Jimmy Jones, and Jim Thompson are shown here accepting the oath of office Wednesday morning, Nov. 11, for a new term as a member of the Coffee County Commission. The oath of office was administered by Coffee County Probate Judge Jodee Thompson.

Elba FY2021 city budget includes pay raises

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba City Council approved the Fiscal Year 2021 budget during its meeting held Monday evening, Nov. 9, and included in that budget was pay raises for employees.

The budget estimates total operation revenues of \$3,845,220 for Fiscal Year 2021. That number is \$31,235 less than the actual operational revenues for Fiscal Year 2020, which was \$3,876,455. Projected operational expenses for FY2021 were \$3,432,000 up just over \$82,000 from the FY2020 expenditures of \$3,352,362.

Council members voted unanimously to approve the budget, in which Mayor Tom Maddox said had been discussed in length at a previous work session.

City clerk Sally Bane confirmed the budget included a pay raise for employees. She said the dispatchers at the Elba Police Department had already received a pay raise, and the new budget called for a \$1.50 per hour raise for police officers and a 50 cents per hour raise for all other city employees.

After approving the budget, Mayor Maddox asked the council to postpone the pay raises until the first pay period in December 2020 to allow the Elba Water and Electric Board to approve its budget at its next meeting (Nov. 30th). He said that way, all

pay raises for employees would coincide.

The council voted to approve this request by Mayor Maddox.

Also, during the Nov. 9th council meeting, bills totaling \$136,508.50 were approved for payment. The council reviewed the bills with the mayor pointing out and explaining several out-of-the-norm expenses prior to the council voting to approve the bills.

Upon recommendation of Elba Housing Authority di-

rector Laurie Chapman, the council approved re-appointing Tanya Cole to another term on the housing authority board. Her new term will expire Nov. 2025.

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday next week, the council voted to move its second November meeting to Monday, Nov. 30, at 5:30 p.m. at Elba City Hall. The Elba Water and Electric Board will meet for its monthly meeting immediately following the council meeting.

Elba Police make two arrests Tuesday, Nov. 10, resulting in multiple charges

An Elba woman was arrested Tuesday evening, Nov. 10, by Elba Police on multiple drug charges.

Makayla Crenshaw, age 22, of Elba was arrested on possession of marijuana – first degree [\$5,000 bond], possession of a controlled substance [\$5,000 bond], and two counts of drug trafficking [each with a \$50,000 bond]. Following her arrest, she was booked into the Coffee County Jail at 6:52 p.m. last Tuesday evening.

Crenshaw was released on bond Monday evening, Nov. 16, at 8:30 p.m.

Also, on Tuesday evening, Nov. 10, Elba Police arrested Ricky Hill, age 24, of Elba. His charges included a terrorist threats charge [\$15,000 bond]. Hill also

was charged with disorderly conduct [\$500 bond], attempt to elude [\$1,500 bond], and four misdemeanor counts of failure to appear [\$500 bond on each count].

Hill was booked into the Coffee County Jail at 7:56 p.m. last Tuesday night. As of press time this week, Coffee County Jail records showed he remained in jail.

NOTICE:
The Elba Clipper office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 26, in observance of Thanksgiving.

Due to the holiday, special deadlines will be in place for next week's paper. All advertising and news is due to the office before Noon on Monday, Nov. 23rd.

THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED Thursday, Nov. 26, and Friday, Nov. 27, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. There will be crews on standby for customers who experience utility emergencies. Call the Elba Police Department at (334) 897-2555 to report utility emergencies. The garbage truck will run its normal schedule.

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Area Happenings

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Ricky Hill

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"The words of a president have an enormous weight and ought not be used indiscriminately" - Calvin Coolidge, or 'Silent Cal' former President of the United States.

A younger sister (a retired school teacher) said something in an e-mail exchange Saturday afternoon that should help anyone, of any political persuasion, worried about the state-of-the-nation - "The fact that jellyfish have survived for over 500 million years despite having no brains gives me hope for humanity's future." That little gal spent her childhood tormenting her older brother but has finally come up with something worth repeating.

We routinely get e-mails wanting political donations from Michigan, Georgia, Arizona, etc., but Saturday there was a new wrinkle on one of those spam mailings. It was titled "How the Bible Helps your Vision." Of course as a wearer of glasses, believer in the Bible, etc., our interest was perked up. However the next click got us this bold type message: "This Biblical Vision Breakthrough Democrats Don't Want You To See" and how it reduces dependence on glasses and contacts. Well folks, we instantly decided to find something else to do and just hit the delete button rather than click on the next button! Someone, or group, has hit a new low with us, mixing politics, the Bible and some sort of . . . whatever. It is surely not mainstream political advertising but confirms our long-held opinion that it takes all kinds to keep this ole world turning.

Many people are concerned over changing their Thanksgiving and Christmas traditions of large family gatherings due to the COVID-19 issues, as recommended by medical experts. They worry that once broken, gone forever. We suggest they think in the opposite direction, "absence makes the heart fonder." Then next year, after COVID-19 has been brought under some measure of control - or maybe whipped completely - they can reconvene their traditional gatherings and maintain their health at the same time. After all, lots of folks who catch this elusive bug either die or suffer lingering health issues that compromise their quality of life. You could be exchanging a single family gathering for . . . your life/health or the life/health of a loved one. That would be a small price to pay.

It is refreshing to know that in spite of all the issues business and industry are facing this year, Dorsey Trailers, right here in Elba, Alabama, is actively seeking to hire up to 30 people in their trailer building business. They have two ads in this week's Elba Clipper wanting to hire additional plant workers immediately. Now, please don't head for the unemployment office contending you can't find a job! At least not until you have given this opportunity a shot at utilizing your skills.

Saturday came and went on a mid-season November day without a football game spotlighting Alabama, Auburn or Troy . . . and the sun came up on both Sunday AND Monday mornings! A person could say this is a good way to stabilize our lives, without a heart attack, family feud over the TV, or getting the car washed, etc.

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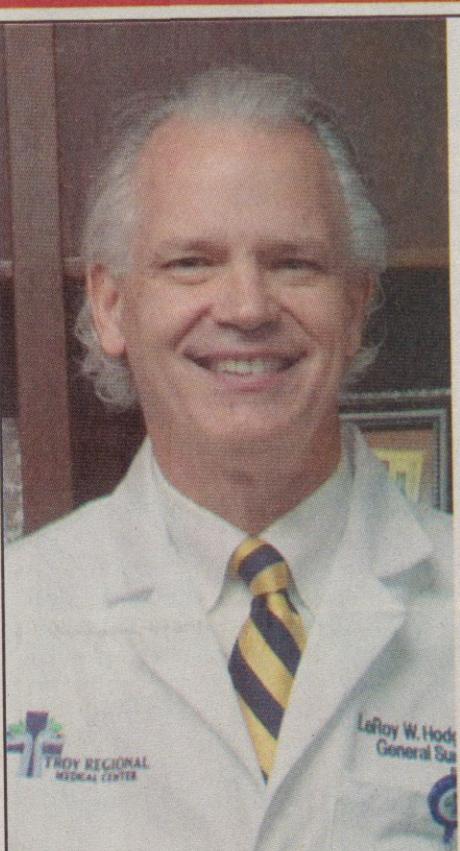
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Seniors participate in 'fall wreath' decorating contest Elba Senior Center director finds ways to keep seniors active during these COVID-19 times

Senior citizens have been unable to gather at senior centers since March due to COVID-19; however, Elba Senior Citizens Center director Donna Falls is constantly thinking of ways to keep her seniors active from home.

Recently, Elba seniors were asked to participate in a fall wreath decorating contest, and several took on the challenge. Falls said all participants were winners.



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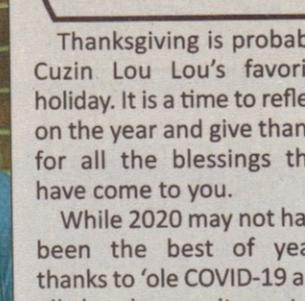
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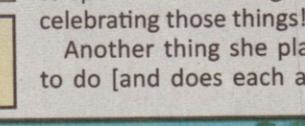
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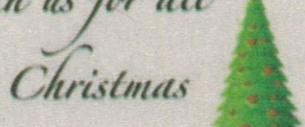
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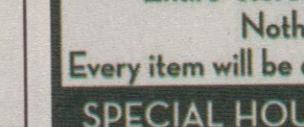
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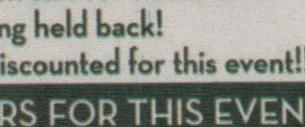
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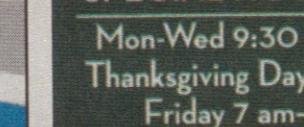
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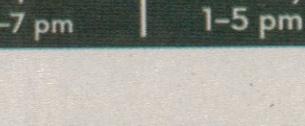
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Cuzin Lou Lou's Tales from Yonder

Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's column is meant for entertaining purposes only as she shares her stories.

Thanksgiving is probably Cuzin Lou Lou's favorite holiday. It is a time to reflect on the year and give thanks for all the blessings that have come to you.

While 2020 may not have been the best of years thanks to 'ole COVID-19 and all the changes it created, there are still many, many more things to be thankful for, and Cuzin Lou Lou plans to spend this Thanksgiving celebrating those things!

Another thing she plans to do [and does each and every Thanksgiving] is eat too much food!

Thanksgiving Day is the one day each year that Cuzin Lou Lou absolutely loves to be in the kitchen preparing a bountiful meal... it is her day to celebrate the lessons she learned from Mama before she went to her heavenly home. Mama was an absolute genius in the kitchen, and Lou Lou is very thankful now that she paid enough attention to the lesson's Mama gave her to be able to carry on a little bit of that legacy.

It's has taken many years to get pretty good at making Mama's cornbread dressing, but even Sister gives Lou Lou props for fine-tuning and getting it right. Papa actually concurred, and when you get more than an "it was okay" from Papa, you have hit paydirt!

While thinking on this subject of Thanksgiving cooking and sharing special family traditions and recipes, Lou Lou decided to reach out to some of her friends and community leaders here in Yonder and asked them to share some of their favorites as well. These friends were more than willing to help Lou Lou out with her request, and now those special recipes are in today's paper for you to test out and enjoy yourself! Turn to Page 5 and let's make those shopping lists and get cooking! Those kitchens are going to be filled with pure yumminess this Thanksgiving!!

If you happen to see Lou Lou's pals around Yonder, be sure to thank them for sharing a bit of their home with us. Lou Lou can't wait to try these new recipes out herself!!

The gatherings may be smaller this year due to COVID-19, but that does not mean we have to avoid warming those ovens and enjoying some good eats

Until next time...Keep Smiling and God Bless!

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Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at <www.elba-clipper.com>

BRENDA JOYCE "B.J." ARNETT

Mrs. Brenda Joyce "B.J." Arnett, age 71, a resident of Kinston, Ala., died Saturday, Nov. 14, 2020, at her home.

In accordance with her wishes, no formal services will be held. A private burial was held at the Lowery Church of Christ cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba serving the family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mary Nell and Curtis Ashby Parish.

Survivors include her sons: Shayne Arnett (daughter-in-law Lisa Arnett), Kinston, and Jason Arnett, Opp, Ala.; sister: Sheila Bess (brother-in-law John Bess), Kinston; eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

MARY ALICE JOHNSON

Mrs. Mary Alice Johnson, age 87, a resident of Brundidge, Ala., died

Thursday, Nov. 12, 2020, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala.

Funeral services were held Nov. 14, 2020 at Shady Grove Baptist Church with Pastor Bruce Williams officiating. Burial followed in the Shady Grove Baptist Church Cemetery with Skeen Funeral Home of Troy directing.

Mrs. Johnson was born Dec. 21, 1932 in Pike County, Ala. to the late Henry Stewart and Mattie McWaters Stewart. Survivors include her children: Betty McIntosh and Mike Johnson (Betty); grandchildren: Michell Flowers (Jeremy), Mathew McIntosh, Whitney Brown

(Jesse), Daneille Hollinger (David), Austin Turner (Jennifer), and Marla, Malea and family; great-grandchildren: Brady and Jaxon Flowers, Kayli, Kyle and Sara Brown, Tyler, Isabella and Savannah Turner; brother: Clayton Stewart; sister: Mattie Lee Everett, and numerous nieces and nephews.

NELLIE J. JONES

Mrs. Nellie J. Jones, age 86, of New Brockton, Ala., died Thursday, Nov. 12, 2020, at Elba Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Elba, Ala.

Private graveside services will be held from Goodman Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Bruce Williams officiating. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba is serving the Jones family.

During her working years, she was a dedicated employee of Medical Center Enterprise.

Mrs. Jones was preceded in death by her father, LeRoy Gibson; mother, Mamie Lee Gibson; son, Keith Jones; and sister, Brenda Boswell.

Survivors include her son: Glen Jones, (daughter-in-law Nancy Jones), New Brockton; sister: Carol King, Enterprise, Ala.; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

NONIE D. KELLEY FULLER MARX

Mrs. Nonie D. Kelley Fuller Marx, age 97, of Enterprise, Ala., died Tuesday,

Nov. 10, 2020, at her daughter's home in Enterprise.

Graveside services were held Nov. 14, 2020 from Woodland Grove Community Cemetery with Rev. Donnie Marler officiating

and Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Mrs. Marx was preceded in death by two husbands - Harold Joseph Fuller and William Marx.

Survivors include her daughters: Judi Fuller (Billy) Stinson, Enterprise, and Juanita Fuller Flowers, Elba; son: William "Billy" Marx, Elba; granddaughters: Brenda (Ken) Smith, Wetumpka, Ala., and Emilee (Chase) Davis, Elba; grandson: Wade (Cindy) Flowers, Elba; great-granddaughters: Jaymee Flowers, Kali Nicholson, and Kelly O'Neal, all of Elba, and Tori O'Neal, Huntsville, Ala.; great-grandson: Carter Nicholson, Elba; and two great-great-grandchildren.

CLYDE BEN AMLONG

Reverend Clyde Ben Amlong, age 81, a resident of Jack, Ala., died Sunday, Nov. 15, 2020 at his home.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Nov. 19, at 12 noon, from Shady Grove Baptist Church in Brundidge, Ala., with the Reverend Donnie Marler officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery with Dillard Funeral Home of Brundidge directing.

Visitation will be held Thursday from 10:30 am until 12 noon at Shady Grove Baptist Church in Brundidge.

In-lieu-of flowers memorials may be made to the Gideons International, P.O. Box 245, Troy, Alabama 36081.

Reverend Amlong served as a minister for churches in Dale, Henry, Houston, Coffee and Pike Counties for 55 years. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clyde and Clois Amlong.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years: Barbara Harris Amlong, Jack; children: Jeff Amlong (Jennifer), Jack, Terri Amlong, Philadelphia, Pa., Bryan Amlong (Stephanie), Enterprise, Ala.; sister: Ann Crawford, Bradenton, Fla.; four grandchildren: Lindsey Stinson (Garrett), Jack, Lawson Amlong (Abby Purvis), Wyatt Amlong, and Ivey Amlong, all of Enterprise; two great-grandchildren: Carter Stinson and Case Stinson, both of Jack; and several nieces, nephews and other family members.

Ida was preceded in death by her four siblings; and three granddaughters, Mesha Eddins, Rakia Stewart and Chekita Stewart. Survivors include her seven children: Brenda Hernandez, Darnell (Jeanette) Perkins, Debora Richardson, Jaffee (Jerry) Eddins, Faye (Micheal) Fripp, Ike Perkins and Sinithia (Charlie) Gordon; 18 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren, 11 great-great-grandchildren; along with a host of nieces and nephews.

RAY DON WHEELER

Mr. Ray Don Wheeler, age 64, of Enterprise, Ala., died recently in Enterprise.

Graveside services were held Saturday Nov. 14, 2020, at Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery with Coleman Funeral Home of Enterprise directing.

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Different people cope with grief in different ways. One way you might consider channeling your bereaved emotions is through a hands-on project, something that lets you turn your negative feelings into something concrete and beautiful. A project can be immensely therapeutic, and it can help you effectively manage stress and anxiety.

There are many different projects you could take on. One common example is to plant a tree. Devote a warm Saturday morning to digging a hole and planting your sapling; devote this new life to the memory of your deceased loved one.

Creative expression can also be invaluable. Maybe this means writing a poem to honor your loved one. Maybe it means composing a song. Or maybe it means painting, drawing, or sculpting. There's no wrong answer here. The important thing is to find something that sounds fun and therapeutic to you.

Another option is to create a memory box. In it, you can place photos and mementos to help you keep your loved one's spirit near and dear. Memory boxes can be great places to store cremated remains and cremation keepsakes, too.

Note that some of these projects can be taken on solo, but others may be good group activities—allowing you and your family members to process grief together. The memory box idea can be a good one to do with kids, allowing them a tactile and creative way to remember their deceased loved one.

These projects can all be helpful for improving your mental and emotional health, and for giving you a constructive outlet for grief. Start thinking about a project you'd like to take on as you navigate this healing journey.

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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Monday, Nov. 9, 2020, and Monday, Nov. 16, 2020, conducted the following activity:

Monday, Nov. 9 – Suspicious person reported at 595 Collier St (6:42 a.m.); Fraudulent use of a credit/debit card – report made at EPD (4:03 p.m.). There were 10 traffic stops on this date with six written warnings issued, three verbal warnings, and one advice given.

Sunday, Nov. 15 – Intoxicated person reported at 627 Lee St (1:22 a.m.); Livestock on roadway reported at Taylor Mill Road/County Rd 368 (11:59 a.m.); Animal bites reported at 1026 Caroline St (1:45 p.m.); Trespassing reported on Guyton St (3:51 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 1231 Ann St (6:24 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 213 Adkinson Ave (2:52 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1050 Neil Grantham Dr (9:59 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 318 Smith Ave (10:55 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 972 Elm Ave (4:02 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 2154 Taylor Mill Rd (4:11 p.m.); Abandoned vehicle reported at 120 N Factory Ave (5:11 p.m.); ATV complaint reported at 76 County Rd 368 (9:01 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 100 Beaver Dam St (11:16 p.m.).

Tuesday, Nov. 10 – No report available for this date.

Wednesday, Nov. 11 – Drug activity reported at 1584 Caroline St (12:13 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 154 Yelverton Ave (2:52 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Jones St (9:17 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1050 Neil Grantham Dr (10:46 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 344 Reddoch Hill Rd (11:23 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 442 County Rd 263 (11:44 p.m.).

Monday, Nov. 16 – Trespassing reported at 442 County Rd 263 (2:30 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 513 Claxton Ave (2:15 p.m.); Fight reported at the Dollar Tree at 911 Farris Ave (4:03 p.m.); Burglary reported at 435 County Rd 505 (4:28 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 1272 Ann St (10:37 p.m.). There were two traffic stops reported on this date with verbal warnings for both.

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Pastor's Corner

by Jon Curtis Isaacs, Pastor
Grace Fellowship
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THANKSGIVING BY FAITH

"Giving thanks always FOR all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ..." (Ephesians 5:20)

"IN every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

Henry Ward Beecher once wrote, "If one should give me a dish of sand, and tell me there were particles of iron in it, I might look for them with my eyes, and search for them with my clumsy fingers, and be unable to detect them; but let me take a magnet and sweep through it, and how it would draw to itself the almost invisible particles by the mere power of attraction! The unthankful heart, like my fingers in the sand, discovers no mercies; but let the thankful heart sweep through the day, and as the magnet finds the iron, so it will find in every hour some heavenly blessings; only the iron in God's sand is gold."

A young man named Charles was seeking God's will for his life. He felt the need for higher education, and following the advice of both friends and family, he applied and was granted an interview with the head of a local college. At the appointed time and place young Charles arrived and was seated in a waiting area. There he sat for two hours until at last his patience ran out. He called for the receptionist and was horrified to discover she had failed to announce his arrival. In fact, she had forgotten about him completely! Meanwhile the head of the college had sat waiting in an adjoining room until his patience too had been exhausted. Likely perturbed at being left waiting, the gentleman left for another city by train.

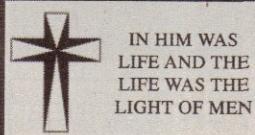
Charles was distraught. To calm his anxiety, he walked through the countryside in prayer. Suddenly a verse of Scripture came forcibly to his mind, "Seekest thou great things for thyself? Seek them not!" (Jeremiah 45:5). Charles felt impressed to simply accept the mishap as the will of God and trust God with his future. In the following years, Charles Spurgeon didn't make it to college; he was too busy becoming one of the most influential preachers in history. He later said, "a thousand times I have thanked the Lord for the strange providence which forced my steps into another and far better path."

There are times when it is so easy to see Romans 8:28 at work in our lives, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Then there are other times when we get lost in a fog of disappointment, discouragement, and despair.

Perhaps you are facing difficulties in life which make thankfulness challenging. You may not be able to say right now, "God I thank you FOR these things," but you can say, "God, I choose to thank you THROUGH these things." This is thanksgiving by faith.

The Coffee County Baptist Association's Operation Christmas Child drop off location for shoeboxes this year is at Ino Baptist Church. The remaining drop off dates and times are as follows:

- Thursday, Nov 19th 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. and 12 noon - 2:00 p.m.
- Friday, Nov 20th 8:00-10:00 a.m.
- Saturday, Nov 21 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon
- Sunday, Nov 22 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
- Monday, Nov 23 7:00 - 9:00 a.m.



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In the Spirit of THANKSGIVING...

Thanksgiving, celebrated the fourth Thursday each November, is a day for giving thanks and celebrating the sacrifice of the harvest. Families gather on this day and enjoy a bountiful meal as part of the Thanksgiving tradition. The Elba Clipper's Cuzin Lou Lou asked some of her friends and local leaders to share a few of their favorite recipes used at Thanksgiving... Enjoy!

Sandy Bynum is the executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce. She said one of her favorite recipes she uses at Thanksgiving is the Cheesy Corn Bake, which comes from her grandmother. "It is a delicious shoe peg corn from Mama Nette," Bynum said. "I usually at least double [the recipe]. I guess people didn't eat as much [back then]."

Cheesy Corn Bake (makes 6 servings)

2 Tablespoons Butter or Margarine
2 Tablespoons Flour
 $\frac{1}{2}$ Teaspoon Salt
 $\frac{1}{4}$ Teaspoon Red Pepper Sauce
 $\frac{1}{4}$ Teaspoon Pepper
 $\frac{1}{2}$ Cup of Milk
 $\frac{1}{2}$ Cup Dairy Sour Cream
2 Cups Corn – White Shoe Peg (I use frozen)
 $\frac{1}{2}$ Cup Shredded Swiss Cheese
1/3 Cup Buttered Bread Crumbs

Directions:
Heat Oven to 350 degrees.
Melt Butter in saucepan over low heat. Stir in flour, salt, pepper, and red pepper sauce. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until mixture is smooth and bubbly. Remove from heat, stir in milk and sour cream. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until sauce thickens (do not boil): stir in uncooked corn and cheese.
Spoon mixture into lightly greased 1 Quart casserole dish. Sprinkle with buttered bread crumbs. Bake 25 to 30 minutes.

Josh Mack is assistant chief for the Elba Volunteer Fire Department. He says his fried turkey recipe is "great for Thanksgiving or any other occasion with family and friends." Mack said the fried turkey is best served while it is still warm.

Fried Turkey

12-13 lb. Turkey
(Make sure the turkey is completely thawed! Set up the cooker in an open space outside – NOT under a shed or carport.)
Peanut Oil [preferred because of its heat capability]

Directions:
I usually inject my turkey with Tony Chachere's Creole Butter about an hour before cooking. Any leftover I just pour onto the turkey before I cook it.
Heat the oil to 375 degrees. Slowly drop the turkey into the cooker using a basket or hook. Try to keep the cooking oil between 325-350 degrees while cooking. Cook the turkey for 3-5 minutes per pound. I usually do 4 minutes per pound [and add 5 minutes just to make sure].
Remove turkey and serve.

"Sister" from Cuzin Lou Lou's Tales. Pound cakes are a favorite of the Yonder crew, especially Cuzin Lou Lou. This scrumptious Sour Cream Pound Cake recipe was passed down to Sister from Mama – Mama was a fantastic cook, and each Thanksgiving both Sister and Cuzin Lou Lou are thankful for all the memories they have of growing up watching Mama work her magic in the kitchen.

Sour Cream Pound Cake (Preheat oven to 325 degrees)

1 Cup Butter
2 Cups Sugar
3 Cups All-Purpose Flour (sift before measuring)
 $\frac{1}{2}$ Teaspoon Baking Soda
A Pinch of Salt
6 Eggs
1 Teaspoon Vanilla Extract
8 Oz. of Sour Cream

Directions:
Cream the butter and sugar; then add eggs one at a time [beat one minute between each egg]. Sift flour, baking soda and salt twice. Add one cup of flour mixture to the butter/sugar/egg mix – continue beating with mixer; then add half of the sour cream and mix; add another cup of the flour mixture and mix; add remainder of sour cream and mix; add the last cup of flour mixture and vanilla and mix. Spray a Bundt cake pan well with Pam baking spray and then pour cake batter into the pan. Bake for 90 minutes at 325 degrees.

Lucia Grantham is the vice president of the Elba High School Alumni Association. She said this is her favorite sweet potato casserole – a Thanksgiving favorite of many! "I have tried many recipes and got this one several years ago from Lyn Lewis," Grantham said. "It is now my go-to recipe." This Thanksgiving, she said she is thankful for family and friends!

Sweet Potato Casserole

Sweet Potato Mixture:
4 Large Sweet Potatoes (baked and mashed)
1 Cup Sugar
2 Eggs
1 Teaspoon Vanilla
 $\frac{1}{2}$ Cup of Butter
1/3 Cup of Milk

Directions:
Prepare sweet potatoes and mix all ingredients. Pour into a 13x9 dish (I spray dish with Pam cooking spray).

Topping:
1 Cup Brown Sugar
1 Cup Nuts
1/3 Cup Flour
1/3 Cup Butter (melted)

Directions:
Mix topping ingredients together and pour on top of sweet potato mixture. Bake for 30 minutes at 350 degrees.

Sally Bane is Elba's City Clerk. She said this pineapple and cheese casserole is her mom's recipe and a family favorite! "To most, it doesn't sound good, but it is heavenly, especially with ham," Bane said. She also noted that her husband, Bradley, doesn't like casseroles but always eats seconds of this one!

Pineapple and Cheese Casserole (heat oven to 325 degrees)

1 Stick Butter, melted
2 Cups Cheese, grated
 $\frac{1}{2}$ Cup Flour
 $\frac{1}{4}$ Cup Sugar
Ritz Crackers, crushed
2 Cans Pineapple Tidbits, drained

Directions:
Mix flour and sugar. Pour over pineapple and stir. Cook at 325 degrees 'til bubbly. Sprinkle cheese on top. Mix crackers and butter and spread over cheese. Put back in oven long enough to melt the cheese.

Chris Moseley is superintendent of Elba City Schools. He said his family loves this corn casserole dish at Thanksgiving. "I don't do the cooking," Moseley said. "I leave that to my wife and girls!" He said Thanksgiving is a special time for the Moseley family as they enjoy spending it with their family. Mr. Moseley wishes all a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

Corn Casserole (Preheat oven at 350 degrees)

1 Can of Whole Kernel Corn, drained
1 Can of Creamed Corn
1 Cup of Sour Cream
1 Stick Melted Butter
1 Box Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix

Directions:
Put all ingredients in bowl and mix thoroughly. Transfer mixture to a greased 8x8 baking dish and bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.



UAB Hospital has been very proactive in getting out information about COVID-19. Some recommendations from experts on how to reduce chances of catching, or transmitting, the virus!

Safe practices for Thanksgiving 2020

- Wear a mask around others and when indoors
- Practice social distancing of 6 feet with those not from your immediate household
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BETTY MYRL BOUTWELL Deceased

Deceased

CASE NO PC 2020-060

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Dianne Boutwell Helms as Personal Representative of the Estate of Betty Myrl Boutwell, deceased, on the 29th day of October, 2020 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jeffrey Boutwell

/s/ Dixie Boutwell

Co-Personal Representatives

11/19,26&12/3-pd.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OR ADMINISTRATOR

ESTATE OF BARBARA J. TURNER, DECEASED

PROBATE COURT PC 2020-066

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned the 10th day of November, 2020, by the Hon. Jodee Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson

Jodee R. Thompson

Judge of Probate

11/12,19, 26-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EDLOW ELKIN WILLIAMSON, DECEASED

CASE NO: PC-2019-000005

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claims should be filed at P.O. Box 726 Brundidge, Alabama 36010 during this period.

IN RE: The estate of JANE CASH, Deceased.

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CASE NO. PC-2020-042

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Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 29th day of October, 2020, by the Honorable, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Witness my hand this the 29th day of October 2020.

/s/ NATORIA SHA-KI MCNABB

Personal Representative

11/19,26&12/3-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA Elba Division

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S. A. Graham Company, Inc.

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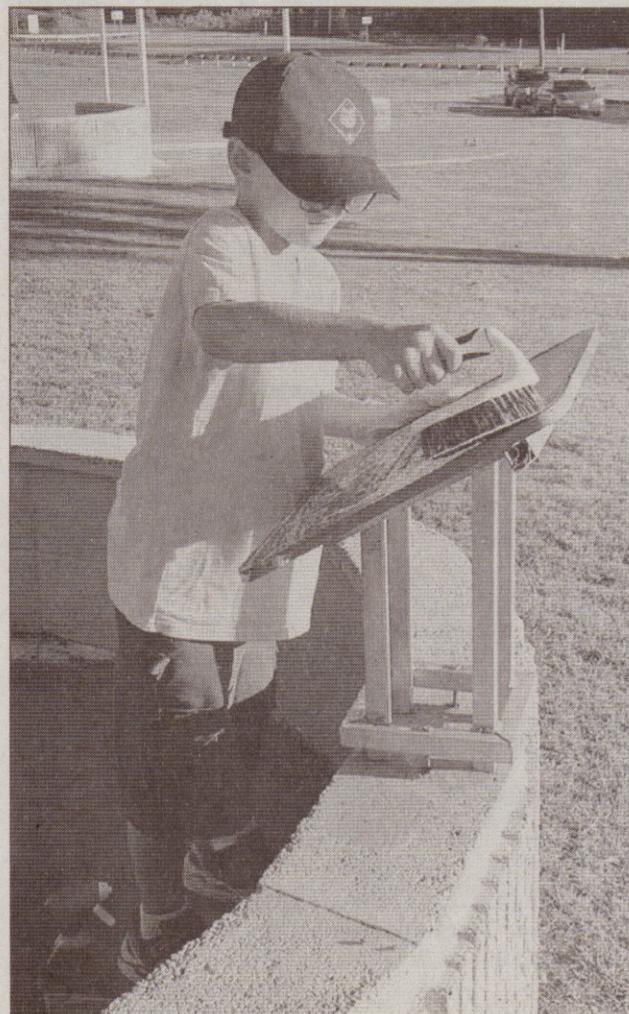
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Cub Scout Pack 87 honors veterans by cleaning at Elba's Veterans Memorial Park

Local Cub Scout Pack 87 honored veterans Sunday, Nov. 8, by cleaning at the Veterans Memorial Park in Elba [at National Security]. The troop thanks Galen McWaters for showing the Scouts the memorabilia exhibit located inside The National Security Conference Center, allowing them to learn about some of Alabama's service members.

Cub Scout Pack 87 appreciates all veterans who were willing to put their lives on the line to protect the freedoms of the American people.



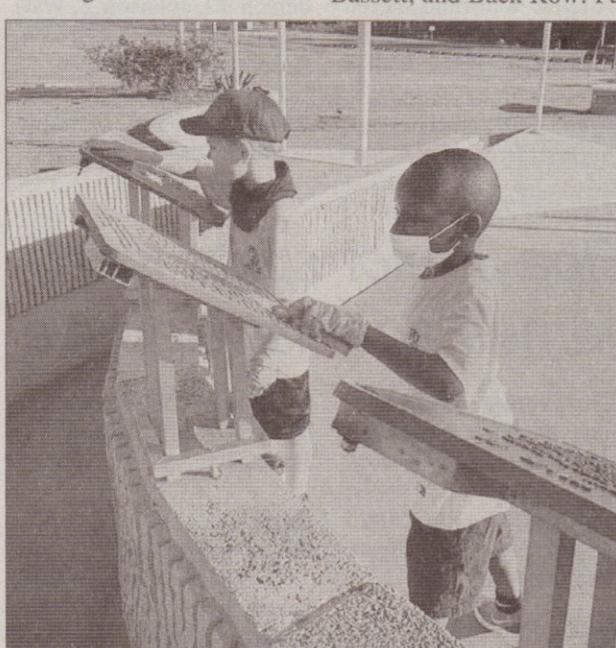
Declan Fisher scrubs a sign at the Veterans Memorial Park in Elba getting it good and clean for viewing.



Landon Brakefield and Jacob Hazel hard at work cleaning.



Pictured, Front Row: Dylan Holley, Logan Boyett, Landon Brakefield, Cooper Holley; Middle Row: Declan Fisher, Josiah "JJ" Walker, Jacob Hazel, Cody Odom, Brady Bassett; and Back Row: Pack 87 Leaders Fred Boyett and Andrew Fisher.



Brady Bassett and JJ Walker wipe signs clean at the Veterans Memorial Park on the National Security grounds.

Cub Scouts Pack 87 thanks Elba for successful car wash fundraiser

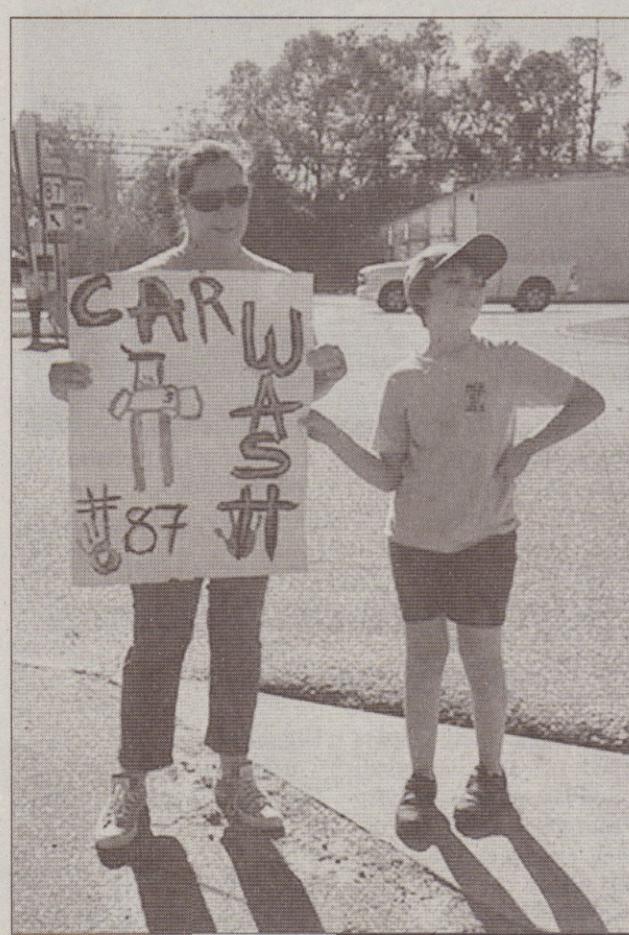
On Saturday, Nov. 14, Cub Scouts Pack 87 held a car wash fundraiser at Cook Chevrolet in downtown Elba. This was a big success for the local scouts.

Parent volunteers also worked hard alongside the scouts in getting the cars clean and shiny! Pack 87 extends a big "Thank You" to the Elba community for all the support and donations. Also, a big thanks goes to Jim Cook of Cook Chevrolet for letting the scouts use his facilities for the car wash, as well as providing refreshments for the youngsters.

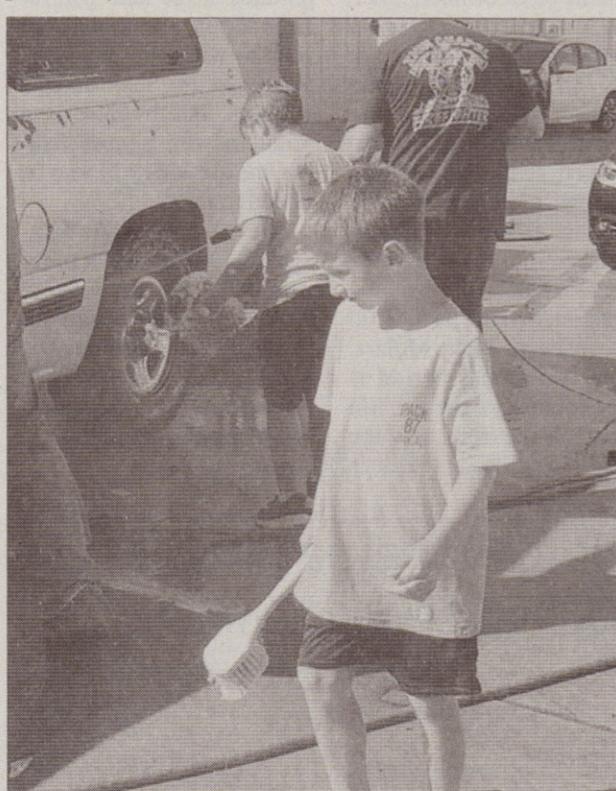
Donations from fundraising go towards registrations, outings, and awards for the local scouts.



Pictured Back: Kristen Hazel, Andrew and Jessica Fisher, Della and Tommy Brakefield, Jason Holley, Fred Boyett; and Front: Jacob Hazel, Landon Brakefield, Declan Fitz, Logan Boyett, Dylan and Cooper Holley



Carmen and Cody Odom



Declan Fitz with Landon and Tommy Brakefield in background.

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I think our grandson Lawson got a little upset with his granddaddy during the week when he told me he wanted a new Nintendo Switch for Christmas so he could still play with one of the game systems while the other one was charging. I told him a better idea would be for him to go outside to ride his bike or play basketball while the game system was re-charging, and his response was silence. Oh well, I don't make many decisions anymore, anyway. So, I'd say the odds are good that Santa will probably find what he wants.

For what it is worth....

*** **The Elba Lady Tigers suffered a rare blowout loss** last week in their season opener as they failed to score from the floor in a shocking 35-9 loss to Enterprise. The fact the Lady Tigers lost wasn't really that much of a surprise, since Enterprise is a 7A school. However, the fact the Elba girls scored all nine points at the free-throw line was a shocker, and left Coach Shaun Hammonds shaking his head over his team's inability to run anything resembling an offensive set. A team is never really ready to play its first game, no matter how well things go in practice, and that fact reared its head again last week. No doubt the Elba coach got his players attention this week at practice!

*** **The Brantley Bulldogs continued along their path** to a possible state title berth last week with an easy 48-6 win over Keith. The Bulldogs jumped out to an early 21-0 lead and after that just kind of went through the motions as they advanced to third round action. The performance by the Bulldogs was far from their best, but it was more than good enough to dispose of the Bears and will give Coach Roland Jones plenty to talk about this week as they get ready for their third straight playoff game at home.

*** **The second round of the state high school football** playoffs is now in the books and it was a wild week across the state with three #3 seeds and three #4 seeds advancing to the quarterfinals. All eight #1 seeds advanced in Class 2A, while six top seeds moved on in Class 4A, and five #1 seeds moved on in classes 1A, 5A and 6A. There will be a total of five rematches from regular season games this week, with both 7A semifinals being rematches with Central, of Phenix City battling Auburn in the South, and Thompson hosting Hoover in the North. The other rematches include #1 seed Piedmont vs. #4 seed Saks in Class 3A, #2 seed Faith vs. #3 seed UMS-Wright in Class 5A, and #1 seed Spanish Fort vs. #4 seed Blount in Class 6A. The third week of the playoffs should be quite a week!

In second round action last week * Slocomb ended its season with a 10-2 record after a 41-0 loss to Trinity * Eufaula ended its second season in the 6A ranks with a 9-2 record after a 41-28 loss to Blount * Opp closed its season with an 8-4 record after a shutout loss to Montgomery Catholic 38-0 * Pike County saw its on and off season come to an end with a 28-6 loss to Montgomery Academy * Abbeville improved its record to 10-1 and advanced to the third round of the playoffs for the first time since way back in 1971 with a 56-34 shootout win over B.B. Comer * McKenzie saw the clock strike midnight on its Cinderella season with a 50-13 loss to Linden * Geneva County saw its winning season end with a 26-16 loss to Leroy * G.W. Long was simply outmatched as it ended the season with a 9-2 record after a 37-3 loss to Lanett * Andalusia ended its season with an 8-4 record after a 28-21 loss to defending state champ Clay Central. The Bulldogs lost four games, but those four losses came to teams with a combined record of 40-6.

*** **Most of the college football fans in the state** had to settle for a second straight weekend of using the clicker to find something to watch on TV after both Alabama and Auburn had their scheduled games postponed due to Covid-19 issues. The postponements mean both teams have had two weeks off as the season draws to an end, and the SEC is reportedly having a hard time trying to figure whether or not to play the games in the few weeks left before the SEC title game. The season has been very different from the start, and it looks like it will be that way until a champion is crowned.

*** **Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator** dropped by over the weekend and said he was going to keep plodding along through the rest of the high school season and actually seemed a little excited about some of this week's games. He admitted that the days of finding a game to go to and then heading out are long since over, but did say this year's play-off match-ups are maybe the best in years, and then handed over this week's fearless forecast. Here goes....

BRANTLEY VS. MAPLESVILLE

The bulldogs from up above the creek have had fun every weekend all season chasing folks away from the pound and this week are determined to send some week late trick-or-treaters home empty-handed. The visitors may put up a fight for a while, but by the time the final horn sounds the dogs will be barking loud and celebrating another big win.

BRANTLEY 34 MAPLESVILLE 21

OTHER PICKS:

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Lanett 26 Leroy 24
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Elba Junior sweeps past Luverne

Elba Junior High sent its basketball teams to Luverne last Monday afternoon for a pair of games and came home with two wins after sweeping Luverne Junior High.

Boys:

Elba 41 Luverne 22

The Elba Tigers pulled ahead early and never looked back in a 41-22 road win over Luverne. The Tigers jumped out to a 17-4 first quarter lead and made it look easy as they cruised to the lopsided win.

Alvin Henderson scored 20 points to lead Elba, while Jacob Watkins and Emmanuel Cooks scored 6 points, apiece. Matthews led Luverne with 9 points.

Elba (41): Reed 3, Henderson 20, Johnson 2, Watkins 6, Solomon 2, Cooks 6, Grantham 2.
Luverne (22): Johnson 1, Parker 3, Jones 3, Crumby 4, Matthews 9, Franklin 2.

Elba (20): Taylor 8,

Elba Junior splits two games against Geneva

Elba Junior High continued its busy basketball season last week and earned a split with Geneva as the Tigers posted a big 50-25 win and the Lady Tigers suffered a 40-21 loss.

Girls:

Geneva 40 Elba 21

The Elba Lady Tigers fell behind early and never recovered in a 40-21 loss to Geneva. The Lady Tigers trailed 21-3 at the half and never challenged as they suffered their first loss of the season.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored 12 points to lead Elba, while Madison Cady and Kaden Ward scored 8 points, apiece, to lead Geneva.

Geneva (40): Cady 8, Ward 8, Padgett 4, Grantham 4, Cox 4, Hammack 4, Windham 2, Ausley 2, Torres 4.

Coffee County Lake to close in December and January

The Coffee County Lake will be closed to the public for fishing during the months of December, 2020, and January, 2021, to allow for the annual re-stocking of fish and repairs to the dock, restroom and bait shop.

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SPORTS NEWS



Brantley Bulldog Kenuwyn Dixon (1) stands just past the goalline after pulling in a touchdown pass in last week's 48-6 playoff win.

Playoffs continue

A total of 35 of the 52 No. 1 seeds advanced to the third round of the AHSAA State Football Playoffs this week with wins in the second round of the AHSAA 2020 Football Playoffs.

Of the 52 teams posting wins in round two Friday night, only Class 1A, Region 6 swept the competition. Top seed Berry beat Woodland, second seed Pickens County downed Decatur Heritage, third seed Hubertville defeated Winterboro and fourth seed Brilliant beat Ragland.

In the second round, 35 of the 52 teams, or 67.3% of the qualifiers, that advanced to the quarterfinals were No. 1 seeds. In Class 2A, all teams advancing were No. 1 seeds. Eleven second seeds, 21.2%, advance, and three No. 3 seeds and 3 No. 4 seeds also advanced – or 11.5% of the remaining teams.

Home teams won 32 of the 52 games Friday night, 61.5% of the contests.

The third-round playoff pairings and second-round results are listed.

Quarterfinal Pairings

All games set for Friday, Nov. 20, unless denoted.

CLASS 1A

Linden (12-0) at Sweet Water (8-2)

Maplesville (9-3) at Brantley (12-0)

Brilliant (7-5) at Berry (10-1)

Hubertville (9-2) at Pickens County (9-3), Reform

CLASS 2A

Isabella (11-1) at Abbeville (10-1)

Lanett (10-2) at Leroy (10-1)

North Sand Mountain (11-1) at Spring Garden (11-1)

Mars Hill Bible (10-2) at Aliceville (7-4)

CLASS 3A

Trinity Presbyterian (10-2) at Montgomery Academy (12-0)

Montgomery Catholic (10-2) at Thomasville (10-1)

Fyffe (12-0) at Ohatchee (11-1)

Saks (8-3) at Piedmont (11-1)

CLASS 4A

American Christian (12-0) at Alabama Christian (10-2), Montgomery

Bibb County (10-2) at Handley (10-1), Roanoke

Northside (10-2) at Etowah (9-2), Attalla

West Limestone (11-1) at Gordo (11-1)

CLASS 5A

UMS-Wright (8-4) at Faith Academy (11-1), Mobile

Central, Clay County (11-1) vs. St. Paul's Episcopal (12-0), Mobile

Pleasant Grove (9-2) at Al-

In second round win

Bulldogs bite Bears 48-6

*By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by Cody Nichols*

The Brantley Bulldogs scored three first quarter touchdowns to take command early and never looked back Friday night as they strode to a 48-6 second round 1A playoff win over the Keith Bears, at David Lowery Stadium, in Brantley.

Brantley began its initial possession of the night at its own 40-yardline after a short kickoff and wasted little time getting on the scoreboard as the Bulldogs went 60 yards in five plays to reach the endzone. A third down pass from Tucker Kilcrease to Khalil Smith for 14-yards kept the drive alive early, while the score came on a 36-yard run by Robert Shine. Carson Jones kicked the extra-point, as Brantley went on top 7-0 with 10:40 left in the first quarter.

Brantley's lead grew to 14-0 only minutes later when Morell Edwards returned a Bears punt 59 yards for a Bulldog touchdown and Jones again added the extra-point, and then grew to 21-0 with 1:55 remaining in the quarter as the Bulldogs drove 71 yards in eight plays to get back into the end-zone.

Tucker Kilcrease rushed once for 11 yards and completed three of seven passes for 74 yards to lead the Bulldogs down the field, with the touchdown coming on a 29-yard fourth down strike from Kilcrease to Kenuwyn Dixon.

The Brantley defense got in the act for the game's next score when Daquan Pittman picked off a Keith pass and returned the interception 61 yards for a touchdown, and while the extra-point try sailed wide, the Bulldogs lead had grown to 27-0 with 10:50 left in the second quarter.

Brantley had a touchdown nullified on its next offensive series, but regained possession at the Keith 46-yardline on a fumble recovery by Walt Johnson, and needed only two plays to cover the distance to the endzone with the Bulldog touchdown coming on a 33-yard pass across the middle from Kilcrease to Pittman. Jones added the extra-point, and with 5:15 left in the half Brantley was in complete command with a 34-0 lead.

Brantley began its initial possession of the third quarter at its own 24-yardline and went 76 yards in 11 plays and overcame three penalties to add to its lead. Tucker Kilcrease rushed for 51 yards on three carries and scored the touchdown on a 6-yard dash up the middle, and Jones booted the extra-point as the Bulldogs lead grew to 41-0 with 3:30 remaining in the quarter.

Brantley's final scoring drive of the night covered 61 yards in five plays and reached the endzone on the first play of the fourth quarter on a 23-yard touchdown toss from Kilcrease to Morell Edwards. Carson Jones added his sixth extra-point of the game, and with 11:50 left in the final quarter the Bulldogs lead stood at 48-0.

The teams swapped fumbles on the game's next two possessions, with Brantley's Jontae Billips coming up with the turnover for the Bulldogs.

Keith got on the scoreboard with 6:20 left in the stanza on a 25-yard touchdown pass from Anthony Lumpkin to Jaylin Jones, but the late score only changed the numbers on the scoreboard as the Bulldogs easily held on to claim win #12 with the 48-6 playoff win.

Tucker Kilcrease rushed for 70 yards and one touchdown on six carries and completed 13 of 27 passes for 221 yards and three TD's to spark the Brantley offense, while Robert Shine rushed for 73 yards and one TD on nine carries, Daquan Pittman pulled in seven passes for 95 yards and one TD, Khalil Smith had two catches for 58 yards, Kenuwyn Dixon had two catches for 39 yards and one TD, and Morell Edwards had one catch for 23 yards and one TD and returned a punt 59 yards for a score.

Anthony Lumpkin completed 9 of 21 passes for 134 yards and one touchdown, with Jaylin Jones pulling in two passes for 50 yards and one TD and Quintavis Woods rushing for 44 yards on 15 carries.

The yardstick....

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18	1st Downs
24-174	Rushes-Yds.
221	Passing Yds.
395	Total Offense
13-27-0	Passes
2/1	Fumbles/Lost
1-43	Punts-Ave.
7-65	Penalties-Yds.

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Brantley Bulldog Daquan Pittman (5) is off and running on a 61-yard interception return for a touchdown in last week's 48-6 playoff win. Pittman also caught seven passes for 95 yards and one TD in the big win.



Brantley Bulldog Tucker Kilcrease (12) looks for an open receiver. Kilcrease rushed for 70 yards and one touchdown and passed for 221 yards and 3 TD's in last week's big win.

Brantley Bulldogs looking for first win ever over Maplesville

Two perennial Class 1A football powers that have combined to take home a total of eight state championships over the past twenty-seven years will collide Friday night at Brantley's David Lowery Stadium when the (12-0) Brantley Bulldogs host the (10-2) Maplesville Red Devils.

The two state powers have met six times on the gridiron, including four times in the playoffs, and the Red Devils have dominated the series winning all six games, including a 42-7 win in the last meeting back in 2016.

Brantley, which owns state titles in 1993, 1998, 2009 and 2012, has been ranked #1 in Class 1A all season and is the state's highest scoring team, averaging over 54 points per game. The Bulldogs have scored in the 40's in three games, in the 50's in six games and in the 60's in two games, and in the playoffs this season have defeated Billingsley 65-9 and Keith 48-6.

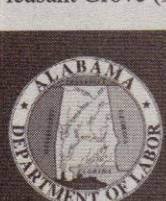
The Bulldogs have an experienced team that includes 13 seniors and 9 juniors, and have also been among the top defensive teams in the state in allowing an average of only seven points per game.

Maplesville, which owns state titles in 1996, 2014, 2015 and 2016, is actually 9-1 on the field, with one win and one loss coming by forfeit. The Red Devils have claimed wins over Highland Home 28-20, Billingsley 52-14, Loachapoka 35-0, Barbour County 1-0 (forfeit), Jemison 24-7, Notasulga 27-21, Verbena 56-16, Autaugasville 57-14, Samson 41-0 and Millry 48-14.

Their two losses were to 2A Isabella 21-20 in overtime, in the second game of the season, and to Montevallo 1-0 (forfeit).

The Red Devils roster includes 10 seniors and 8 juniors, and in games actually played have outscored their opponents 388-138.

Seating for fans is limited to only one-third of the stadium's capacity due to health restrictions, and all tickets must be purchased online. No tickets will be sold at the gate.



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LIFESTYLES

Elba Termites finish as Runners-Up in Pea River Youth Football League



The Elba Termites finished their 2020 Youth Football Season just shy of winning the SuperBowl on Saturday, Nov. 7, as the young Tigers fell in the championship game to the Opp Termites. The Elba Termites opened Super Bowl play by defeating Daleville. Opp defeated Ariton to advance to the championship game. It was a highly competitive championship game with Opp coming out on top of the Elba Termites for the Pea River Youth Football League. The Super Bowl games for the Pea River League were held this year at Elba's Tiger Stadium. Above, the players and coaches for the Elba Termites pose for a team picture after the championship game. In an uncertain year due to COVID-19 that held participation numbers down, the Elba Termites made the best of the season and had lots of fun enjoying the game of football and making memories to last a lifetime.

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Birthday Boy!!



The family of Coffee County, Alabama native Lawrence "Sonny" Bryan will host a drive-thru to celebrate his 90th birthday at First Baptist Church, Graceville, Fla., from 2 until 4 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 21, 2020. Mr. Bryan would love to see his family, friends, former students and co-workers from Bethlehem High School and Graceville High School, as well as the folks from Coffee County who helped mold his early life. His birthday is Nov. 25th. No gifts. Those coming by to wish him a Happy Birthday will be the gift.

Child Find Activities for Elba City Schools now underway

The Elba City School System is in the process of identifying all persons with disabilities; birth-21 years who are not enrolled in an educational setting.

If you are the parent/guardian of a child with disabilities or know of anyone who would benefit from our services, please contact the Special Education Coordinator's office at Elba City Board of Education at 897-3000 Ext. 104.

It is important that all persons with disabilities be identified so appropriate services can be provided.

Landmark Park's Victorian Christmas will be Dec. 13th

Join Landmark Park, Dothan, Ala., on Sunday, Dec. 13, from 1-4 p.m. for the annual Victorian Christmas! This open house brings about 3,000 visitors to the park for Christmas music, arts and crafts, a circuit riding preacher and more. Admission to visitors is free and visitors are encouraged to bring nonperishable food items for donation to the Food Bank.

Elba Masonic Lodge set to host annual chili cook off

On Monday evening, Nov. 30, the Elba Masonic Lodge #170 will hold its annual Elba Pot Full of Fun Chili Cook Off.

Trophies will be given for Chili- 1st, 2nd, 3rd and

People's Choice. This year the Lodge has added awards for Best Cornbread, Best Side Dish and Best Dessert.

Entries are free as is the fun! This event is open to the public to attend.

The Elba Masonic Lodge is located on Larkin Road in Elba, Ala.

Club Yesepoch Inc. cancels annual community Black History banquet

Club Yesepoch Inc. is cancelling the 2021 Community Wide Black History Banquet resulting from awareness of both the public health crisis and the economic crisis created by the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Promoting social distancing and mask wearing during this pandemic as well as minimizing economic decline fully aligns with the club's primary mission and focus, in particular, community involvement.

Although the banquet has officially been cancelled, the club's continual effort to commemorate Black History will speed ahead. They will continue to celebrate the innumerable contributions to this country made by African Americans. Thereby, children, grandchildren, and others will be cognizant of the pathway to freedom created by ancestors.

Club Yesepoch members extends their heartfelt appreciation to each person who has continually supported their efforts in providing service to the community.

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